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Title: Super Broad-band Polarizing Reflective

Materials and Methods for

Making the Same

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment to a Continuation Application of Serial Number 09/066,403 filed on April 30, 1998.

★ Please cancel claims 97-121.

Please add new claim 122 through 143 as follows:

A broad-band polarizer comprising:

a film in cholesteric order of only one liquid crystal material and sites of non-linearly varying pitch across the thickness of said film and at least one chiral material.

6V 122. The broad-band polarizer according to claim 122 wherein said only one liquid crystal material is a polymer.

(2) 124. The broad-band polarizer according to claim 122 wherein said only one liquid crystal material is a monomer.

(^A 125. The broad-band polarizer according to claim 122 wherein said only one liquid crystal material is an oligomer.